

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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**CRWP-1368-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.02.2022**

VANDANA AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF CHANDIGARH AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- None for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

As per the petition, both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. The certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively.

The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 10.02.2022, (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, UT Chandigarh.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of this Court, Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, APP UT Chandigarh, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 only. She, on the instructions from ASI Amarjit Singh, submits that the petitioners are not residing at the given address and rather on the said address, parents of

petitioner No.1 are residing. She further submits that as per the statement of respondent No.4-Manoj Kumar (father of petitioner No.1), he has no objection regarding the marriage. The said statement has been duly counter-signed by respondents No.5 and 6 (mother and brother of petitioner No.1, respectively). The photocopy of the statement is taken on record as Mark 'A'.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with directions to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, UT Chandigarh, to decide the representation dated 10.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

15.02.2022

Aman Jain

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No